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PROJECT APPROVAL NOTIFICATION

PROJECT CATRANSIT		<input type="checkbox"/> CA	<input type="checkbox"/> PROPRIETARY
		<input type="checkbox"/> FI/CI	<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSIDY
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DIRECT
ACTION		AREA	
	NEW PROJECT	DIVISION	
	AMENDMENT	EUR	
X	RENEWAL	BRANCH	
	TERMINATION	German	
	EXTENSION	DESK	
	OTHER	E/G/INT	
		CASE OFFICER	EXTENSION
		[4262
AUTHORIZATION			
APPROVING AUTHORITY		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROVED	FY
Chief, EUR			196
PERIOD OF APPROVAL		\$ 8,820	7
FROM 1 May 67 TO 30 Apr 68		FINANCIAL CODE SYMBOL	196 8
			7136-1916
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL			
<p>DECLASSIFIED AND RELEASED BY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY SOURCE METHOD EXEMPTION 3B2B NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT DATE 2007</p>			
SIGNATURE		DATE	
MPS/BG			
DISTRIBUTION			
1	FINANCE DIVISION	1	BUDGET DIVISION
1	OPERATING DIVISION CHIEF OF SUPPORT	1	CASE OFFICER
			MPS/BG

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28/4/67

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~~Concer~~ in renewal.

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5 May '67 Concer is renewal. If past year's experience is duplicated (only 7 missions) this year, perhaps some of this agents could be considered for conversion to other ops support roles - 5/H keepers, for example.

10 May 67 These assets are largely unusable except as couriers (or perhaps letter drops). Believe we need to keep a few on hand, but agree we need not add to the stock in coming year.

Recommend approval.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

CATRANSIT PROJECT RENEWAL

FROM:

E/G/INT

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EXTENSION

NO.

DATE

19 April 1967

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

DATE

RECEIVED

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OFFICER'S INITIALS

COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)

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C/E/G/INT

21 Apr.

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28 APR 1967

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E/SS

28 APR 1967

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E/FI/CI

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E/COPS

5 May

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E/G Comments: There has been a decline in number of missions by CATRANSIT agents - only 7 in all last year. Berlin officers on TDY have admitted that Berlin finds CABUS (West Berlin-based) couriers more useful. Recommend approval with follow-up request to BOB to take a hard look at value of CATRANSIT Project.

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PROJECT ACTION

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TYPE OF ACTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FI/CI	<input type="checkbox"/>	CA	<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER
	NEW PROJECT APPROVAL	DIVISION European				
	AMENDMENT NO.	FIELD STATION Berlin				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL FY 1967-68	BRANCH German		DESK E/G/INT		
	EXTENSION	CASE OFFICER			DATE 19 Apr 67	
	TERMINATION	ROOM NO. 4 C 44	BUILDING HQS	TEL. EXT.	RED 1368	BLACK 4262

CONCURRENCES OF DIVISIONS

ORGANIZATIONAL ELEMENT	TYPED NAME (and signature)	IN	DATE	OUT	DO NOT USE THIS SPACE
C/E/G/INT	[Signature]		21	21/28	
AC/E/G	[Signature]		22/27	27/28	
C/EUR/CR	[Signature]		28/1	28/4	
C/E/BF	[Signature]		4/28	1/28	
C/E/FI/CI	[Signature]		29/4	2/5	
EUR/COPS	[Signature]		2 May	5 May 67	
DC/EUR	[Signature]			13 May 67	

CONCURRENCES OF OTHER COMPONENTS

	DATE	COPY NO.	MEMO ATTACHED		
			YES	NO	DATE

APPROVAL

PERIOD	FROM 1 MAY 1967	TO 30 APR 1968	AMT THIS ACTION	FY 1967 1968	REVISED TOTAL
	APPROVING AUTHORITY Chief, EUR				
				DATE 16 May 1967	

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CATRANSIT PROJECT RENEWAL

1. Current Objectives:

CATRANSIT project objectives continue to be the establishment and maintenance of a pool of West German couriers used for the operational support of agents in East Berlin and East Germany, and for the performance of other operational support tasks required by Berlin Operations Base (BOB). The project continues to serve as a vehicle for the couriers' administrative and operational management.

2. Changes:

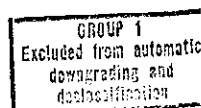
No changes in the CATRANSIT project objectives have been necessary or are foreseen. However, since present operational requirements at BOB dictate a greater emphasis on Berlin-based (CABUS) courier assets, and barring any change in the operational environment in Berlin, there are no plans to add any new assets to this project during the coming project year.

The administrative management for the funds provided to the family of CATRANSIT-50, who was arrested while performing an operational mission, is included in this project for the first time. (See paragraph 5 below.)

A. Current project personnel:

- (1) CATRANSIT-19, a 54 year old bank clerk from Wuerzburg, has performed three siting and three operational missions since recruitment in June 1963. He is scheduled to perform a recontact mission during the coming Project year, and following its completion, will be terminated.
- (2) CATRANSIT-21, a 51 year old wholesale meat buyer from Wuerzburg, has performed one siting and five operational missions since recruitment in June 1963.
- (3) CATRANSIT-22, a 61 year old retired Bavarian businessman, has performed one siting and two operational missions since recruitment in August 1963.

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- (4) CATRANSIT-26, a 66 year old salesman from Munich, has performed three siting and one operational mission since recruitment in November 1963. He has suffered from ill health for some time and may no longer be able to perform operational tasks.
- (5) CATRANSIT-32, a 48 year old office manager from Stuttgart, is presently considered temporarily inactive because of personal problems.
- (6) CATRANSIT-33, a 38 year old travelling salesman from Essen, has performed one siting and one operational mission since recruitment in April 1964. He is presently inactive.
- (7) CATRANSIT-35, a 44 year old Krupp employee from Essen, has performed three siting and two operational missions since recruitment in May 1964.
- (8) CATRANSIT-36, a 45 year old railway employee from Essen, has performed one siting and one operational mission since recruitment in July 1964. His wife, CATRANSIT-46, is available to accompany him on operational missions.
- (9) CATRANSIT-37, a 55 year old steel worker from Duesseldorf, has performed four siting missions since recruitment in July 1964.
- (10) CATRANSIT-39, a 42 year old female draftsman from Stuttgart, has performed three siting missions since recruitment in August 1964. She is considered temporarily inactive because of poor performance.
- (11) CATRANSIT-40, a 42 year old engineer from Essen, has performed two siting missions, including a special address check, since recruitment in August 1964.
- (12) CATRANSIT-45, a 52 year old bank employee from Duesseldorf, has performed one siting and one operational mission alone. In addition, he has performed one siting and one operational mission jointly with CATRANSIT-52.

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- (13) CATRANSIT-46, the 46 year old wife of CATRANSIT-36, was recruited in November 1964 and has accompanied her husband on one training mission.
- (14) CATRANSIT-52, a 61 year old retired bookkeeper from Hamburg, has performed one siting mission alone, in addition to one siting and one operational mission with CATRANSIT-45.

B. Terminated personnel:

Two courier assets, CATRANSITS-34 and -43, were terminated during the past project year. Another asset, CATRANSIT-44, is no longer active and has been offered to Frankfurt for possible activity as a CABATON (accommodation address custodian) asset.

3. Intelligence Production:

Any intelligence which may be produced by this project would come as an incidental by-product of its primary operational support mission.

4. Effectiveness:

During the past Project year, CATRANSIT assets have performed two siting and five operational missions. In the course of these operational missions, CATRANSIT couriers have infiltrated and deaddropped materials in East Berlin which included East German currency, SW carbon sheets, cipher pads and instructions, developer pills, pre-written cover letters and sanitized letters of instruction. Agents in East Berlin and East Germany could not be sustained without the infiltration of such supplies.

One mission was undertaken by a CATRANSIT asset for the purpose of making an operational telephone call to attempt the recontact of a former agent, and one mission was run by a CATRANSIT for the purpose of a personal meeting with a potential East Berlin operational target.

Although the number of operational missions performed by CATRANSIT assets during the past Project year decreased over that performed in previous years, the activities of these couriers serve as a necessary supplement to those of CABUS project assets. In addition, CATRANSIT assets are able to perform certain unique tasks

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such as making telephone calls or one-time personal contacts which would not be feasible for CABUS assets because of cover and security considerations.

5. Problems:

On 1 July 1966 CATRANSIT-50, who was arrested in East Berlin while on an operational mission to CADARK-1 on 28 January 1966, was tried for espionage in Frankfurt/Oder and sentenced to four years in prison. His name has been added to the West German government prisoner exchange releasee list, and as indicated in paragraph 2, above, this project provides funds to the family of CATRANSIT-50 for their support.

CAPERCH-11, who was arrested while on a test letter mailing mission into East Berlin on 9 September 1965 and subsequently charged and sentenced to fifteen months in prison for document falsification, was released to West Berlin on 8 December 1966. She was debriefed and SGSWIRLED regarding her arrest and incarceration. She will receive a compensation payment and will be terminated.

6. Liaison:

The CATRANSIT project is managed on a unilateral basis.

7. Interagency Coordination:

No interagency coordination is required in the management of this project.

8. Plans:

No substantive change in the project operational activity is planned. Because CATRANSIT project assets form a group of trained, experienced and capable support assets, they will continue to be utilized as a supplement to CABUS project assets.

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9. Costs:

A. For the past project year: For the period 1 May 1966 through 30 April 1967 the amount of [] was approved. During the first ten month period an amount of [] has been expended, and the remainder will suffice without exceeding the present obligation authority.

B. For the ensuing period: For the period 1 May 1967 through 30 April 1968 it is requested that the CATRANSIT project be approved for an amount of [] to be expended as follows:

	<u>FY 1967</u> <u>(2 months)</u>	<u>FY 1968</u> <u>(10 months)</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Salaries *	\$ [] [] [] [] [] []		
Transportation	200.00	1,000.00	1,200.00
Supplies	20.00	100.00	120.00
Operational Expenses	100.00	500.00	600.00
CATRANSIT-50 Family Support **	750.00	3,750.00	4,500.00
TOTALS	[]	[]	[]

*Please note that with the exception of family support expenses for the family of CATRANSIT-50, there are no regular payments made to CATRANSIT project assets. Costs are incurred only on the basis of services rendered, with payments made only upon performance of training and/or operational missions.

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**Specific commitments to project assets in case of arrest have been avoided. However, it has been implied that financial support will be provided for the families of couriers during any period of imprisonment. If the courier has no family to support, then a financial settlement should be made upon release. As with previous CIA agents who have been released from prison, each case should be given individual consideration, primarily because of differing operational considerations and lengths of sentences involved. Thus, it is not feasible to provide a fixed figure for the total compensation to be paid in such cases.

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